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LETTERS FROM HON. HENRY LAURENS TO HIS
SON JOHN, 1773-1776.

[Continued from the July number.]

[16.]

My Dear Son

After I had embarked on board Le Despenser the 7th Ul^{to} 15 I wrote you as well as circumstances would permit a few Lines in answer to yours of the 3^d which reached me on the point of departing from Falmouth, my Letter was sent on Shoar to be put into the Post office by persons who are strangers to me, the consideration of which has led me to this particular retrospect.

I had in the general an excellent passage from Falmouth to the Coast of Carolina, fair Wind & pleasant mild air, we got into sounding 15 fathem the 32^d day but happened to fall in soward of the Bar which converted the fair into an adverse Wind & gave us the trouble of two days beating up-- In the evening of the Second an unskilful young Man was put on board our Vessel in Character of a Pilot & he took upon himself the charge of conducting her the next day into this

15 November 7, 1774.

Harbour, but an hour before midnight I felt a violent shock in Bed which awoke & startled me up, Gracious God said I surely the Vessel Struck Ground this Instant or I dreamt so, the murmur was scarcely expressed, when I heard the Captains Voice, Oh, I shall loose my Ship, My Dear Mr Laurens I shall loose my Ship! Ah Sir Ah Captain I answered, I am sorry for your loss but compose yourself be steady recover your spirits & let us think of means for saving Lives—then I hastned upon Deck where the Wind blew Strong, it was freezing piercing cold & a rough sea but less so than it would have been had not the Wind blown from the Land side—uncomfortable weather for swimming or attempting the escape of twenty one persons in two small inconvenient Boats Breakers to be encountered, ten or twelve Miles from shoar & seven long hours of Night before us aperceiving the commander continued wailing & discomposed I addressed my old acquaintance the Master Talbot & his Brother the Mate both active seamen admonished them to be steady not alarmed—the pilot I comforted dont be frighted pilot by the accident—recollect yourself, think where we are & of means for getting us off again if possible—I ran below & brought up two Lanthorns with Lighted candles & prevailed on the Boatswain to heist them on the Ensign Staff to shew our distress to Vessels which were following us in order to claim their Aid as well as to caution one in particular which was very near & coming hastily into the same danger, this ship had the good effect of turning that Vessel instantly back again, in the meantime Master Talbot his Brother & the clever young fellows under them were acting their parts with judgement & boldness—do this—do that said Talbot & he was obeyed, the ship struck about eleven times, the scene was awful, a high Wind, excessively cold thumping amidst Breakers on a Bank in the open Ocean in the fore part of a long Night Boats not good—I then thought of a phrase in one of your last Letters, “Stageless Voyage” so descriptive of Eternity, I considered or rather the thought was continued in my mind that I was

born to Die & I did not find myself miserable in the seeming extremity, I was a helpless hand & could do nothing more than to repeat & press my advice to those who were skilful & could work, to be steady & undaunted which I perceived had a good effect, the people were animated active and calm, very proper means was used & it was fortunately for us a flowing Tide, the ship was got off & into deep Water again—we narrowly & amazingly escaped—I felt an humble thankful heart & retired to my Bed again, privacy was then fittest.—next Morning that is to say yesterday we took in another Pilot who brought our Vessel to Anchor about Noon not far from oposite to Mr Rose's Wharf¹⁶ where I landed & proceeded immediately to this House¹⁷ uncertain whether my Brother had removed from it or not, I found no body here but three of our old Domestics Stepny Exeter & big Hagar, those drew tears from me by their humble & affectionate salutes & congratulations my Knees were clasped, my hands kissed my very feet embraced & nothing less than a very, I cant say fair, but full—Buss of my Lips would satisfy the old man weeping & sobbing in my Face—the kindest enquiries over & over again were made concerning Master Jacky Master Harry Master Jemmy—they [*] me held my hands hung upon me I could scarcely get from them—Ah said the old man I never thought to see you again now I am happy—Ah I never thought to see you again now I am happy—Ah I never thought to see you again—

¹⁶ "Yesterday arrived here, after a Passage of only 34 Days from Falmouth, the Le Despenser Packet-Boat, Captain Pond; in which came Passenger Colonel HENRY LAURENS, of this Town."—*The South-Carolina Gazette*, Monday, December 12, 1774.

"His Majesty's Packet-Boat Le Despencer, Captain William Pond, arrived here on the 11th Instant, in 34 Days from Falmouth, in whom came Passenger Colonel Henry Laurens."—*The South-Carolina Gazette; And Country Journal*, Tuesday, December 20, 1774.

¹⁷ Probably the old fashioned house at the southeast corner of East Bay and Laurens Streets in Ansonborough, once the home of Hon. Henry Laurens.

*Undecipherable word.

I broke my way through these humble sincere friends thanking them a thousand times for such marks of their affections & proceeded to Broad Street where I had the pleasure of meeting your Uncle & Aunt Laurens & your Sisters in their New House all in good health & M^r Gervais M^r Gadden M^r Tho Smith & Peter presently called there upon me, to day many other friends & acquaintance have done me the same honour I have seen M^r Manigault & his family, L^t Governor Bull Doctor Garden & am but just returned near 8 oClock in the Evening to this great empty House in order to write as much as I can by Capt. White who will sail for England to morrow perhaps my papers may be put into the hands of your old school fellow M^r Pringle¹⁸ whose Papa called in my absence & left notice that his Son was going to London in Cap^t Whites Vessel¹⁹ with offers of his service.

I have only learned since my arrival what I suppose you have known for a months past I mean of our American public affairs, that the Inhabitants of 12 United Links of this Chain of Colonies from New Hampshire to South Carolina have unanimously determined to make a firm and steady opposition to the measures adopted by Administration for enslaving us & our posterity—there is a spirit here which surpasses all expectation its continuance will depend upon the Wisdom & policy of those Resolutions & associations by which we are at present bound—These I have not yet seen, no doubt you have as they are before this day made public in all parts of Great Britain, fathom them & give me your opinion—don't

¹⁸ John Julius Pringle, son of Hon. Robert Pringle.

¹⁹ "Yesterday Mr. Pringle, Son of Robert Pringle, Esq; Mr. Milne of Manchester, Mr. Hopkins, Capt. William Pickles and some others, embarked and sailed for London, in the Ship Carolina-Packet, Capt. White."—*The South-Carolina and American General Gazette*, Friday. December 16, 1774.

"Last Thursday embarked, in the Ship Carolina-Packet, Capt. White, for London, Capt. William Pickles, Mr. Milne of Manchester, Mr. John Pringle, one of the sons of Robert Pringle, Esq; and Mr. William Hopkins."—*The South-Carolina Gazette*, Monday, December 19, 1774.

take either side & form a partial opinion—but reflect well before you write, I write this hint because I know you are an American Zealot & may be in good time an Enthusiast—I am both where I see they way clear before me.—therefore I am so in the grand points of our Controversy— —I look forward now & perceive more fully those impending distresses which I have often pointed out to you, as the certain consequence of tenacity on both parts, but many people here I fear are not aware of them—I am not afraid of encountering even poverty—if we are all of the same opinion we shall in time surmount every difficulty— —but where am I running to—the Vessel is to sail to Morrow Morning—I must conclude ~

Mr Pringle and his son have called on me again, I have ventured to assure the young Gentleman that you will wait on him immediately upon his arrival in London you know I have a regard for his Father & I believe you Love the Son—I mean we regard both—

Mr Gadsden desires to present his Compliments to you & on his Account I request you to procure if possible two or three public Leidgers dated the 6th August 1774 & send them to me by the first opportunity—pray dont forget this Commission—

I believe it will be impossible for me to write to any other of my friends in England by this Vessel present me in the most respectful terms to each of them as if I had not given a schedule of names—the next Packet will convey my deaties to all of them tell Mr Manning that I am not insensible of my neglect to inclose the Bill on Mr Danoot as mentioned in my Letter of the 7th Ul^{to} he will receive it in a few days—Your friends & Relations here have all charged me to present their Love Compliments & good wishes to you Intreat you my Dear Son do not be sparing in your addresses to your Uncle & Aunt to Doctor Garden & tis with pleasure I inform you that your Uncle assures me of the sobriety & perfect good behaviour of your old Tutor & friend Eusebius for whom he

expresses great friendship therefore the evil report by Felia must have been a slander taken up at second hand—
 My Love to your Dear Brother they will also soon hear from me Remember I be seech you the petition which I made at Falmouth for your protection to them & their Brother my three sons—all sources of my happiness or Woe—
 I have no doubt of your friendship on this or any other account for your faithful servant & most affectionate Father ~,²⁰

[17.]

Addressed : Mr. John Laurens
 at Mr. C. Bicknell's
 P Le Dispenser Chancery Lane
 Capt Pond London
 2 D Ct.,,

Postmarked : Charles
 Town

Charles Town So Carolina 4th January 1775.

My Dear Son ~.

Since my last Letter of the 19th Ult^o was dispatched to you by the Swallow Packet your several favours of the 4th 5th & 15th November are come to hand & have afforded me much satisfaction ~.

Your determination respecting the proposed journey to Bristol discovered a wise attention to the business before you, that business is of the utmost importance to you—your future Fame & happiness depend greatly upon your present course of study & nothing less than constant application & perseverance can Insure you success.—an acquaintance with Mr Har-

²⁰ This letter is undated and unsigned and contains no direction or endorsement. It is probably Mr. Laurens's first draft of, or a copy of, a letter which he sent to his son by the *Carolina Packet*, which left Charles Town December 15, 1774.

grave I hope will be advantageous to you—the Newspapers which you sent me by the Beaufain advise of the death of our late friend Peter Taylor & of course you have lost all the expected benefits of his intended Introductions—before this day, Mr Oswald has probably conducted you into some circle of his friends in the Law, be that as it may, be discreet in all things, be your own friend & the World will be yours—You will also be a friend & a parent to your Brothers & Sisters, I have a great charge committed to me & in the course of God's providence you are commissioned to be second in command—some portion of the general Duty is already fallen to your Lot & you should exercise your thoughts betimes in reflexions upon the task which you must engage in whenever I am cut off— —Your Uncle's determination to live in private, Mr Manigault's great age & many avocations in his own family, leave me but little hopes of *much* aid from those friends, Mr Gervais's bad health, Young family & other circumstances forbid my dependence upon him in any great degree, I might go on to enumerate impediments to my expectations from other old friends & objections to making new ones, but in a word you are the Man, the proper Man to be my friend while I Live, & the friend of my younger family after my Death, you therefore on whom, next to God, I rely, will meditate on the subject & endeavour to qualify yourself for discharging the duty which may be required from you—thank God I am in as good health & Spirits as I can desire, better health indeed than when I left Fludyer Street, for I can now walk more ground in a day without fatigue or danger to my infirm Leg than I could on the 30th October & last Week I rode from Mepkin to Kensington & back again on a trotting horse & after the journey of 17 or 18 miles felt myself equal to another of the same distance—nevertheless, I know & with respect to my own state, always think, that in the midst of Life we are in Death. Yesterday was the first on which I ventured to ask a friend to dine with me, your Sister gave me her aid & her Company

& truly she is very notable & clever, but my furniture in general & most of the small articles have by the stroke of Lightning in November 1772 & other accidents during my absence suffered great delapidations, & I made a shabby figure both on Table & side board—I hope Urquhart will arrive before the 1st of February otherwise all my expected reparation will fail—the people will suffer no Goods of any kind to be landed after that Day.—

Miss Patsy is desirous of being with me but I cannot consent to it unless I can obtain the assistance of a prudent House keeper such a one as you will see I have described in Well's & Timothy's papers in order to save the Young Lady from the trouble of improper branches of Housewifery in her present stage. Polly is as clever a little Wench as ever you were acquainted with & except yourself, I scorn flattery, she excels, I really mean except yourself & one more—

James Custer is very well & behaves hitherto to my satisfaction, I have about me old Stepney who has been sober the last four days—Exeter Shrewsbury, the two Hagars & Lucy who with old Mamma Nurse desire with great humility to be remembered to their Young Masters in England—so much at present for domestic concerns—

Your Uncle & Aunt are well, the Ball families & all our relations I have seen most of them, all of whom have made kind enquiries after you & your Brothers & assured me of their friendship & good wishes—

Write immediately to Mr Petrie at Genevé make my compliments & tell him I have had several conversations with my Brother²¹ concerning him, particularly last Night, when it was agreed that he should remain where he is until he shall write his determination on one certain profession or business to which he is inclined to apply his future time & studies, after which his Uncle will give the necessary direction for his removal; from this conclusion we calculate his time to be

²¹ James Laurens and Alexander Petrie married sisters, Mary and Elizabeth Holland, respectively.

at Genevé till September next.—he should be immediately apprized & loose no opportunity of returning his final answer —

I have received a strange ambiguous kind of Letter from our Cousin in Union Court, let me know as well as you can, her behaviour & particularly whether there has been any renewal of acquaintance with her destroyers—I have wrote to her by this conveyance. —

On the 9th Inst the Inhabitants of Charles Town are to meet in order to chuse a Committee of thirty to whom on the 11th the Country Committees are to be united & the whole will proceed to the choice of Delegates to represent this Colony in general Congress of the United Colonies at Philadelphia the 10th May next—in the mean time the present Committee exert themselves in the Duty of their office—all goods imported from G Britain are sold at public Auction the first Cost & charges restored to the respective Owners & the surplus funded for the benefit of the distressed Bostonians even Pollys little Wax Toys were sentenced to the Ceremony—hitherto a mere ceremony, because no person bids beyond the Cost & charges therefore the purchase is made of each parcel by the proprietor—after this Month expires the severe discipline of total exclusion will be put in force—some people have insinuated that an immediate Non Importation from this province & a stop to all Law proceedings will be moved for by a very strong party at the approaching Meeting I do not believe it—however it may be so for the Reins are not the hands of Town Men as formerly, I can perceive the superiority which the Country people claim—they are most numerous most wealthy & no Man is now supposed to be unequal to a share in Government—I see trouble & confusion in prospect, I veiw the scene with firmness of mind & am under no doubts but that honesty & truth will lead me safely through—I shall send you tomorrow an extract from M^r Bullman's Sermon in August last which procured him a dismission from the Church of St^t Michael—I do not write to Harry or James by this

opportunity they shall soon hear from me my love to them
& particular respects to all the friends & enquiring acquaintance
of my Dear John

Your affectionate friend & Father
Henry Laurens,

Endorsed : 4th Jan^y 1775.
Dispenser Packet.

[25.]

Addressed : M^r John Laurens
at M^r C. Bicknell's
Chancery Lane
P^r Capt Alex Curling
2 D Ct,, London

Postmarked : Dover
Ship Lrl

Charles Town So Carolina 8th January
1775.—

My Dear Son—

I wrote to you four days ago P^r Le Dispenser
to which I refer—This incloses duplicate of a Letter intended
by that Vessel for our good friend M^r Oswald, the original
was delivered to a pilot therefore it remains uncertain to me
whether it was put on board you will enquire of M^r Oswald
& if he has not received it, then seal up this Copy & deliver
it to him, if he has, retain the inclosed or destroy it.

I am just now returned from your Uncle's where I passed
part of this Evening & left him your Aunt & sisters all in
good health

Polly has attached herself to me without much courting on
my part in a degree somewhat stronger than common civility
to a stranger, Your Aunt merits our utmost thankfulness
for her care & attention to that little Orphan, the Union

seems to be between them as complete as if appearances were realities — —My Love to the two younger Boys I shall write to both to morrow—present me respectfully to each enquiring friend. I commend you my Dear Son to God's protection

Henry Laurens,

Paper is very scarce in Charles Town. to Morrow will be a busy day on public affairs—dissentions are threatned, my business shall be to conciliate, & I flatter myself with hopes of plucking up the Tares which have been sown by an Enemy. some folks talk of a new appointment of Delegates for the next intended Congress—& censure for the late Deputies for partiality in favouring the exportation of Rice— if any hard change is made we shall be thrown into disorder— I think, though a stranger among them, I shall clear up their doubts—Union patience through—shall be my [²²]——

Endorsed: 8th Jan^y

Curling.

[19.]

Charles Town So Carolina 6th february 1775

My Dear Son

By the Harrietta Randal & Eliot Waring went my last addresses the latest of which was the 28th January.

Your affectionate Letters of the 3^d 4. 5. & 7th December by Urquhart & the Sandwick packet which contain much intelligence of American concerns claim my thanks; continue to transmit me all that is authentic & important as far as your avocations & close application to the main branch will admit of—but why confine your self wholly to America—you read of nothing but America? you converse perhaps with none but Americans—Remember my late & often repeated advice

²² One word torn out.

—what can be more grievous to both parties than often repeated advice?

Your spirited declarations of readiness to bleed in your Country's cause may sound well enough late at night in the Falcon—I entertain no doubts of your bravery and firmness, yet my Dear Son, I should be extremely deficient in my Duty if I forbore to tell you freely, that talking & writing of the “cheapness” of one's Life, bear no marks of either—Remember again the Story, of “Cool contempt for Death” expressed when there was no danger, by a person who had just before discovered the utmost disinclination to part with Life—such Speeches, such bounces, are void of common discretion, they contradict Instinct Reason & every days experience & too often draw Young Men into danger of ruining affectionate parents, distressing their best friends & of sacrificing their own Lives & Characters in much worse Causes than the liberty of their Country, sometimes for no Cause at all—Life is the Gift of God & we are accountable to him not only for, but for the improvement of, it—Reserve your Life for your Country's call, but wait the Call—mind your chosen business study to be quiet & do not neglect the proper means which lie before you for serving your Country—or rather for qualifying you in *due time* to serve it; if you do, there will be no dependence in any other case upon your steadiness—Alas! how far have you diverged from the line marked out by yourself & highly approved of by your Father in the short space between the 29th October & 5th December! I pray this paper may have a quick passage & be blessed with the success of uniting with your own endeavours to bring you back again to that state of mind in which I left you.

Consider a Moment, your voluntary proposition your determined Resolution to keep close to study & to avoid a certain set of Company, compare these with the Gravesend trip your fellow labourers & the conduct there. “Reid was of the party & sent his Compliments”; was there no one of the

party also who has been deficient in common politeness (I dont say gratitude) who has not sent his Compliments nor answered a Letter nor said thankye for relieving me from great embarrassment & perplexity?—Consider & compare your reasons for declining the proposed modest Journey to Bristol, with the projected & I suppose accomplished plan for a Romp to Cambridge & the party of whom no doubt the chief Engineer is the same whose principles you so readily penetrated & marked with so much Justice & severity—we must be civil to Mankind & sincerely so, but is there a necessity therefore for doing violence to our judgment to force our inclinations into intimacy with Hearts, which can never happily blend with our own?—Are you so poor in valuable acquaintance, in Books, in Ideas, as to seek Company which inwardly you disapprove of—it cannot be.—were you under any restraint while your Father was in England? No! you were his Companion his bosom friend—whence then these retrograde motions immediately after his departure, like a Bird after long confinement fled from her Cage?—have you grown sick of attention to your duty? can you do justice to those & to this, & safely take your bosom full of promiscuous new acquaintances?

Loss of Time even at your Age is scarcely redeemable, no Man more sensible of this truth than your self, Why—ask your own heart & answer truly— Why were you desirous of another Year at Genevé? I saw the reason & knew that if you were disposed you might pass that Year beneficially any where—if you were not—it could be done no where. In the ordinary course of affairs I should plead strongly *only* for the saving & improvement of *Time*, but in our present unhappy circumstances it would be neglect in me if I did not again sound the alarm of *frugality* in your Ears, it would be Criminal in you if you to delay one hour to pay a becoming attention.

Some of your new associates have been Eminent in squandering large Sums for no Value received—Time slides away

from them while they are in Idle fatigue & vast expence, the consequence of which is, *ignorance of their profession*—they are adepts in every thing which Wise Men wish to be ignorant of, Chronicles & intimates of Butterflies & Bobadils, never converse with Men of real Eminence—then follows that disgraceful pretence for Idleness all the rest of their Days. “an aversion & rooted dislike to their profession” ‘I hate the Law I never could abide it’—examine & you will discover they affect to dislike a thing which they are unacquainted with.

If your first Month has given rise to such admonition I should tremble for the effects of eleven more, had I not great confidence in your understanding & docility—I will say nothing of Duty nor love of Fame the Road to which I am sure is not out of sight quite so soon—

You know your stated Income in the hands of Mr Manning & I still trust you will make me so happy as to find that you have kept within it; no happiness will result merely from the *saving*, but from a conviction thereby that you have been attentive to business. my Duty as Guardian to your self to your Brothers & Sisters constrain me to charge you not to *exceed* it.—do not act inconsistently with your own sentiments—the Eyes of your friends & of your Country are upon you, they are in expectation & think themselves in view of a valuable Casket, for your own sake, for theirs & for the sake of posterity disappoint them not by coming up a bundle of Carolina Rushes—more words to you would be unnecessary, therefore after bespeaking & commanding your attention to *every word* I have said, I bid the subject adieu & I hope for ever.

The King's Speech & Addresses of both Houses of Parliament are reprinted here & grown old already by familiarity, but we are not altogether void of thinking Men in our Community, with *these* they have due weight & no more.—My Goods on board of Urquhart's Ship will be sold at public Vendue tomorrow I hope for the usual indulgence of buy-

ing them in myself. Mr Manning will inform you of the narrow escape from being all sent back—

Your Uncle Aunt & Sisters are all well & often speak of you with affection & esteem, I have a stated order to present their Love in every one of my Letters. I lately sent you a Letter from your Uncle; & your Sister Patsy who is an excellent translator of French & a very sensible Girl promises to acknowledge your late Address to her very soon.—I reiterate the recommendation of my Three Sons to your especial friendship & protection. I pray God to give you true Wisdom & true fortitude & I conclude with an assurance of my continued regard & affectionate faithful attachment to your most valuable Interests.—Henry Laurens.

Mr John Laurens.———

Endorsed: 6th Feby. 1775.

Pr Wilson

[*To be continued in the next number of this magazine.*]

LETTERS OF REV. SAMUEL THOMAS, 1702-1706. ³

[Continued from the July number.]

[6.]

[TO REV. DR. WOODWARD AND TO THE SOCIETY.]

Addressed: To the Rev. Dr Woodward &c.
at Poplar.

From my study at Sir N. Johnson's.
Gov^r of Carolina. 10. Mar: 1703/4.

Rev^d Dr

I wrote to you the last year by Captain Cole and did hope for the favour of a line from you by his return which would have been a great satisfaction to me: I most gratefully acknowledge my high obligations particularly for your assistance in procuring for me Holy Orders a blessing for w^{ch} myself and many others (I hope) will bless God to Eternity. I beg of you Rev: Sir to communicate to the hon^{ble} Corporation of which you are a worthy Member the following lines from

Your most obliged, humble servant
S. Thomas

To the Rev. and Hon^{ble} Society for Propagating
the Gospell in Foreign Parts.

Most Rev^d & Hon^{ble} Gentlemen,

Your unworthy but laborious Missionary
whom you sometime since sent to labour in the Ministerial

³ The figures "1702-1710" given in the July issue of this magazine are wrong. They should have been 1702-1706. The Editor was misled by one of Mr. Sainsbury's endorsements on one of the packages of abstracts relating to Mr. Thomas.

Function in the Province of Carolina thinks himself obliged to communicate to you the account of his arrivall and the success of his labours in this Province. Blessed be God after much difficulty and many dangers I safely arrived at Charles Town in Carolina on the 25. Decr 1702. and took the first opportunity of going up in the Country to wait upon our Governor the hon^{ble} Sir N. Johnson who received me with great Kindness and then and ever since has treated me with extraordinary respect and civility: with much kindness his Honor invited my stay in his family and being duly sensible of his duty and obligations to Almighty God, he obligeth me to officiate dayly in his house as Chaplain, and to labour on the Lord's Day in the instruction of the Inhabitants of Cooper River which is so thin settled and the Inhabitants live at so wide a distance from each other that I am forced to officiate in 3. severall Branches of the River about 15. miles from each other, and because I can be but with one Congregation on the Lord's Day so each can be supplied but 1. Lord's day in 3. therefore at their request I preach a lecture on the Week Days to each of them, this considering the many miles I must travel to meet each Congregation makes my labours very considerable, but I bless God it is my delight to serve Him and His Infant Church, and my ministerial work is my recreation, I bless God, I have not labored in vain in this Province, for since my coming into these parts, there is a visible abatement of vice and immorality, and many of our People who were careless in religion are prevailed on to a ready and constant attendance on God's Publick worship and I have prevail'd on several to set up the worship of God in their private families and have prevailed with many to a careful preparation for and to participate of the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The first time I administered I administered that Holy Ordinance I could find but 5. Communicants but they are now encreased to the number of about 32, and are yet increasing, here being some few young persons who submit to my instructions in order to their being pre-

pared for the Blessed Sacrament at Easter next. By my encouragement about 20. Negroes have learned to read, and I am acquainting them as I have opportunity with the Principles of the Christian Religion, and have lately baptized one Negro man, and hope in some time to find more fitted for that Holy Institution. There haveing been no Minister on this river, who lived regularly and preached practically & constantly, the People are much divided, but I have some reason to hope that severall of them will now come into the Communion of the Church of England, themselves have told me that if I had been in the Country before, I had prevented their separating from the Church. I find by experience that an humble and obliging carriage a moderate and prudent conduct, practical and serious preaching together with a Holy and circumspect life is the more effectual means to remove prejudices out of men's minds agst our Church and Ministers. In great sincerity Gentlemen I assure you, it hath and by Divine grace ever shall be my constant endeavor to the utmost of my power to promote true religion and the interest of the Church of England, being in some measure sensible of my infinite obligations to Almighty God and of your noble bounty and charity to me, which shall ever be gratefully acknowledged and carefully improved by

Honrd Gentlemen

Your most obedient, humble & faithful
and laborious Servant & Missionary

Sam^l Thomas.

Gentlemen,

You sent as a gift to the Indians by me stuff to make match coats, Sir. N. J's ordering my residence in these parts, I had no opportunity to dispose of the to the end for which you designed it, and finding that it was like to decay, by the advice of the Governor I had it appraised and sold it, and the money is in the hands of Sir N. J. and I am waiting for your order to return it to you, or dispose of

it as you think best. The last year I desired by a letter to Mr Hodges that £20 might be paid the Rev^d Mr Burkitt for the use of my dear wife, and £10. sent me to Carolina for my support here, with great gratitude I acknowledge your goodness in doing the former but I have had no account of the latter. 'Tis my humble request that this year you'll please to pay the whole Salary to the Rev^d Mr Burkitt for the assistance of my family and that £10. behind of the last year's salary you'll please to send me into Carolina. Sir N. J. is very noble to me and the Planters are kind to me according to their ability, for I bless God my people have an entire love for me, but they are generally poor and I have lately had a long and chargeable sickness being afflicted with a violent fever for 10. weeks, and tho' I had the privilege of Sir N. J's house, yet I was obliged to pay my nurse and Doctor myself which cost me much money: and my great distance from some of my people has necessitated me to buy a horse, which is here very dear, and so likewise are all sorts of cloth and linnen. For these reasons the £10. would have been welcome to me, I refer myself entirely to your bounty, charity and goodness and will continue your

Gratefull, obedient and dilligent Missionary
and humble servant.

S. Thomas. [Letters of the
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,
MS. Vol. I., No. 180.]

[7.]

[TO HON. JOHN HODGES.]

Addressed: For Mr Hodges &c.
London.

From my study at S^r N. Johnson's in
Carolina. 3rd May 1704.

D^r & Worthy Sir,

Yours I received by Captain Martin the

14th March last with the Parcell of Blew Hartfords—for your particular care and trouble and for the hon^{ble} Society's kindness and charity therein, I return my most sincere and hearty thanks Before Martin came in I had wrote a Publick letter to the hon^{ble} Society in which I acquainted them that I had then heard nothing from any of my particular friends in that Body, which was more than a little concern to me. I also acquainted them with the need I stood in of the ten pounds, & with my selling the stuffs sent for presents to the Indians and lodging the money in the Gov^{rs} hand till their order to dispose of it. I acquainted them also with the success of my poor labors in these parts, and begged that their charity to me for this year may be paid as formerly to the Rev. M^r Burkett. For a fuller account of these things dear Sir I refer you to my Publick letter. I have received no letter from M^r Secretary Chamberlayne and therefore should have been extreamly glad that you had explained what you barely mention (viz.) an Order made by the hon^{ble} Society that my kind reception here by the Governor and People should be no precedent, which passage in your's I don't well understand. Dear Sir I am extremely obliged to you for your great kindness, particularly for your Seamens packetts, I am glad to see so noble and Christian a design on foot, and I will make the best use of them I am capable of. I long to hear how the religious Societys and those for Reformation prosper in this reign, and to have some account of the proceeding of your hon^{ble} Society, to whom I am so highly obliged, particularly if you receive a satisfactory account of the success of the Labors of your Missionaries abroad, for nothing would be more pleasing to me, than to hear that the Church flourisheth under the conduct of Pious, prudent and learned Guides: If your time will permit you to give me some account of these affairs in your next you will highly oblige me. Blessed be Divine Goodness, Good Sir I continue very happily in the Governor's family, and in the entire affections of my dear People, and opportunities of doing God and His

Church some service in this poor Province: my ministerial labors are very considerable, being obliged to preach three times a week and to ride many miles in order to the meeting my People who are at considerable distances, these Publick Offices together with my necessary studies and some personal instruction which the ignorance of many of my People makes highly necessary, takes up the whole of my time and the utmost of my strength, but I desire to praise God for nothing more than for the blessed opportunity that He has given me of laying out my time and strength in His service. We have in the whole Province of S. Carolina but two Church of England Ministers besides myself, namely Mr Marsdon Minister of Charles Town and Mr Williams who supplieth 2. or 3. Congregations to southward near Edisto River and myself am appointed by Sir N. Johnson our Governor to take care of the Inhabitants of Cooper River. The Town Minister has a very noble maintenance settled on him out of the Publick Treasure: but we Country Ministers have nothing to trust to, but only a small and uncertain subscription. The Country stands in great need of more Ministers especially of one for a Place called Goose Creek, a Creek the best settled with Church of England families of any in Carolina, they have a small Church built, and at the earnest request of some of the Inhabitants I lately preached there and administered the blessed Sacrament and baptized 7. children, the Congregation was so numerous that the Church could not contain them, and many stood without door the poor people were very attentive to the word of Salvation and my soul was justly moved to see the best and most numerous Congregation in all Carolina as sheep without a Shephard. My engagements are so much with my own People that I can't give them above 1. or 2. Lord's Days in a year and they very rarely have any assistance from any other Minister. I am fully satisfied that a pious, prudent and laborious Divine might do God and his Church great service:⁴ I fear under the present charge which the

⁴ The Society acted on Mr. Thomas's suggestion and sent Rev. Francis LeJau to Goose Creek in 1706.

Country is by reason of the War, these people can't maintain a Minister entirely without some assistance from England. If you think convenient you may recommend this to the hon^{ble} Society. The Governor in a letter to my Lord of London concerning myself, which I suppose will be publickly read, acquaints his Ldp that we greatly want a Minister for this Place above mentioned. I shall add something more on this subject in a letter to D^r Woodward, Good Sir with humblest duty and service and gratitude to the hon^{ble} Society and yourself, I am your and their

Most obedient, dilligent & faithfull
Missionary and servant.

Sam^l Thomas. [Ibid,

No. 179.]

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[TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY.]

Portsmouth April 20th 1706.

Honor'd Sir,

Last night (blessed be God) we arrived safe here, and it is generally said we shall sail again on Monday but we are to put in again at Plimouth, so that if you have anything to communciate to me, or any of us, it will be most likely to meet us if you direct it to Plymouth.

I had wrote to you good Sir from the Downs from whence we sailed on Thursday last but that my time was wholly taken up in waiting upon my brother a Church of England Minister at Sandwich whom I found very ill of a feaver and left dying, which affliction so oppressed my spirit that I was not capable of paying this duty to you.

We are very full of Passengers upon which account we are obliged to submit to many ill conveniencys. This day arrived from London two dissenting Ministers which Mr Boon (the gentleman which petitioned the House of Lords) sent, and we have on board a young man which he sends over also for a schoolmaster, who is a Scotch Presbyterian, by which I

suppose a judgement may be made of Mr Boon's sincerity when he pretends to be an Advocate for the Church of England in Carolina. I should rejoyce as much as any man to see religion and the power of goodness flourish under any Christian Minister's conduct of what Denomination so ever, so they be sound in the Fundamentals, but I have abundant reason to fear that Mr Boon and those few gentlemen in Carolina who employ him have a design of advancing of their particular Party by the ruins of the interest of the Church of England in that Province, and I must say that I fear, and I believe that fear is not groundless, that the encouragement which the Lords has now given him will tend much more to the discouragement of y^r Missionarys, how pious and diligent soever and to the disservice of your Church than to the real interest of Religion in general, I beg good Sir that you would not misinterpret what I have here wrote for I profess a universal respect to sincere piety and desire nothing more than the being master of good temper, and I have, and I hope I ever shall treat pious Dissenters with due respect and tenderness, but I can't but discern that some among them as well as too many among ourselves are hot and violent and so wedded to a Party that they would be glad to raise it upon the ruins of those whom it does not affect, and of this sort without the least breach of Charity, I may by long experience be truly able to say are some few in Carolina, those very persons who employ Mr Boon, oh that God may heal our bleeding division and give us the spirit of holiness, peace & unity that true religion and the fear of God may abound in our Plantations, and that all we especially who are the Missionarys of your hon^{ble} Society may by the purity of our doctrine, the strict piety of our lives and the most exemplary diligence in our holy Function answer the design of that most venerable Body which sends us. &c.

Sam: Thomas.⁵ [Ibid, MS.

Vol. II., No. 149.]

⁵ Rev. Samuel Thomas died between the date of this letter and Dec. 2, 1706, when Rev. Francis LeJau wrote to the Society an account of his death.

SOUTH CAROLINA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

Communicated by Mr. Lothrop Withington, 30 Little Russell Street, W. C., London (including "Gleanings" by Mr. H. F. Waters, not before printed).

[CONTINUED FROM PAGE 231.]

John Ash of Westfield in Colleton County, South Carolina. Will 31 March 1711; proved 16 August 1721. Executrix and residuary legatee: my wife Ann, daughter of Thomas Bolton. To brother William Ash, £150, if living at my decease. To my sister Isabella Ash, £100. To Joseph Briant, Stephen Ford, Mr. Thomas Waring, and Mr. Ralph Izard, each a 40s. ring inscribed with my age, the two last with this inscription: "Your call is uncertain." To my Mallotto slave Jemmy his freedom at the death or marriage of my executrix. Witnesses: John Hayes, John Wilkinson, Mary Hayes. Administration to William Livingston, husband and administrator of Anne Livingston als. Ash, deceased, while she lived sole executrix, &c., of John Ash, late of Westfield in Colleton County.

Buckingham, 142.

John Gordon of Charles Town in the province of South Carolina, merchant. Will 28 July, 1774; proved 31 March, 1778. Whereas I am entitled to certain lands in the province of East Florida in North America by virtue of divers conveyances made to me and Jesse Fish of St. Augustine by the several Spanish owners of whom we purchased the same under the sanction of the treaty of peace of 1763, I give all and singular unto William Greenwood and William Higginson of London, merchants, upon trust that they accept compensation for the same and convey the same to His Majesty, and from the sums arising my debts to be paid to the estate of John Macqueen, deceased, &c. Executors: William Greenwood and William Higginson. Witness my hand

and seal at Bristol. Witnesses : Edward Neufville, Cradock Odford, Samuel Richards. Codicil of John Gordon, late of Charles Town in South Carolina, merchant, but now of Westminster, 4 December, 1777. Whereas my two daughters by my first marriage are provided for, I give them as follows : To my daughters Elizabeth Smith and Sarah Gordon and their heirs forever all that tract of land in Prince William parish in South Carolina purchased of John William Murray. To sister-in-law Margaret Smith, £100. Residuary legatees in trust : John Smith of Georgia, Esq., Thomas Forbes of Charles Town, South Carolina, merchant, to sell estate to pay my debts, &c., and the rest to be divided between my children, Mary, Adam, Caroline, and Jane Drummond Gordon, by my second wife Catherine, at their ages of 21. I appoint the said John Smith, Thomas Forbes, William Panton, and John Ferrans, executors in America, and do join Grey Elliott of Knightsbridge, county Middlesex, Esq., with William Greenwood, and William Higginson as executors in Great Britain only. Witnesses : Thomas Russell, Richard Kirk, A. Chuncultie. Proved by Grey Elliott, William Greenwood, and William Higginson, Esq's.

Hay, 110.

Alexander Dick, late of South Carolina beyond seas, widower, deceased. Administration 11 January, 1741/2, to George Mackenzie, attorney for George Dick, the father, who is now residing at Airth, county Stirling, North Britain.

Admon Act Book, 1742.

Rebecca Hayes, late of Carolina in America, spinster, deceased. Administration 5 January, 1735/6, to Richard Hayes, her third cousin and next of kin.

Ditto, 1736.

Peter Hearne, late of Carolina beyond seas, deceased on board Royal Ship Monmouth. Administration 2 January, 1695/6, to relict Joane Hearne.

Ditto, 1696, folio 2.

Richard Hockenhill, late of South Carolina beyond seas, widower, deceased. Administration 9 May 1733 to Austin Ashby, a creditor, George Hockenhill, brother of the defunct, and John How, Esq., as guardian of Chadwell Hockenhill, a minor nephew (by the brother), first renouncing.

Admon Act Book, 1733.

Thomas Hitchins, late an ensign in Colonel Vanderduson's Independent Company in South Carolina, Batchelor, deceased. Administration 23 October 1747 to George Daniel, the principal creditor.

Ditto, 1749.

James Holditch, late of South Carolina in parts beyond seas, deceased. Administration 13 March 1701/2 to Richard Boys, father of Susan Holditch (now in Carolina), relict of the defunct.

Ditto, 1702, folio 47.

William Johnson, late captain of H. M. Ship Lizard, bachelor, deceased. Administration 10 October 1701 to Fairfax Overton, attorney for Sir Nathaniel Johnson, Knt., now in Carolina, father of the defunct.

Ditto, 1701, folio 172.

21 January 1708/9 administration of said Captain William Johnson granted to Robert Johnson, son of and attorney for the father Sir Nathaniel Johnson Johnson [sic], Kt., now in Carolina, for use of said Sir Nathaniel Nicholson [sic], former grant in October 1701 to Fairfax Overton, attorney for said Sir Nathaniel Overton [sic], having expired by death of said Fairfax Overton.

Ditto, 1709, folio 14.

[This extraordinary record, with three futile attempts to inscribe the name of Sir Nathaniel Johnson correctly, must have been made after a very special lanch of the proctors of Doctors Commons.—L W]

Mary Laffette, wife of Peter Laffette, late of Port Royal in South Carolina in America, deceased. Administration 26 March 1752 to her daughter Jane, wife of Charles Blundy.

Ditto, 1752.

William Linn, late of Charles Town in South Carolina, bachelor, deceased. Administration 8 February 1734/5 to Fergus Baillie, attorney for Janet Ellis otherwise Linn (wife of Anthony Ellis), Jane Aitkine, widow, and Agnes Campbell, otherwise Linn (wife of William Campbell), sisters of the defunct, and now residing in North Britain.

Ditto, 1735.

Sarah Loughton, late of Charles Town in Carolina, but at Barbadoes, deceased. Administration 1 March 1700/1 to her husband Edward Loughton.

Ditto, 1701, folio 44.

Anne Ludlam als. Carter, late of South Carolina beyond seas, widow, deceased. Administration 22 August 1729 to her son Thomas Carter.

Ditto, 1729.

Samuel Martyn, late of Charles Town in South Carolina, deceased. Administration 4 October 1734 to his relict Elizabeth Martyn.

Ditto, 1732.

Edmund Medlicott, late of Charlestown in South Carolina, bachelor, deceased. Administration 24 May 1717 to his sister Mary, wife of John Andrews.

Ditto, 1717, folio 101.

Jane Ollier, late of Charles Town in South Carolina, widow, deceased. Administration 2 November 1737 to Thomas Elliot, attorney of Mary Satur, widow (now residing at Charles Town), mother of the said Jane Ollier.

Administration same date to the said Thomas Elliot of the goods of Pontz Ollier, of Charles Town, deceased, formerly husband of the said Jane Ollier, to use of the said Mary Satur.

Ditto, 1737.

Frances Plowden of Carolina, widow, deceased. Administration 30 April 1717 to Ann Queladus als. Plowden, wife of Ines Queladus, natural and lawful daughter.

Ditto, 1717, folio 71.

Catherine Plowden, in Carolina in West Indies, spinster, deceased. Administration 28 March 1718 to Anna Queladus, her sister.

Ditto, 1718.

John Sanders, late of St. James Goosecreek in South Carolina, bachelor, deceased. Administration 20 March 1746/7 to James Crockatt, attorney of Joshua Sanders, now residing in South Carolina, uncle and next of kin of the defunct.

Ditto, 1747.

Sarah Thorpe, late of Charles Town in South Carolina in America, deceased. Administration 10 November 1737 to her husband Robert Thorpe.

Ditto, 1737.

Chrisopher Topham, late of South Carolina, bachelor, deceased. Administration 6 December 1737 to his mother Anne Topham, widow.

Ditto, 1737.

Elizabeth Wallace, formerly Nisbit, late of South Carolina, deceased. Administration 8 April 1762 to her husband Thomas Wallace.

Ditto, 1762.

William Webb, late of South Carolina in America, deceased. Administration 18 September 1751 to John Owen, principal creditor, Sarah Webb the relict having died without having taken administration, and John Webb, the uncle and guardian of John and William Webb, infants, only children of the defunct, first renouncing.

Ditto, 1751.

Benjamin Whitrowe, late of South Carolina, bachelor, deceased. Administration 9 August 1726 to his niece (nepti ex fratre) Rebecca Whitrowe, spinster.

Ditto, 1726.

William Willberfoss, late of Charles Town in South Carolina, bachelor, deceased. Administration 8 March 1753 to his father Robert Wilberfoss.

Ditto, 1753.

Samuel Woodward, Esq., late of Cape Fare in South Carolina, bachelor, deceased. Administration 13 April 1751 to Christopher Nicholson, attorney of Benjamin Woodward, Esq., now of Kello, county Meath, Ireland, nephew and next of kin of the defunct

Ditto, 1751.

George Atchison late of South Carolina, and now of Islington, Middlesex, merchant. To younger brother John Atchison of South Carolina, planter, all real estate, paying to eldest brother David Atchison £50. To sisters Jennett Atchison and Grizell Atchison £20 each. To cousin David Atchison £10. To cousin John Atchison £5. To Mr. James Pain of Charles Town, South Carolina, merchant, £10. To Mary Atchison daughter of said brother David Atchison £10. Rest to brother John Atchison. Executors: Cousin David Atchison and James Pain. Witnesses: William Glencross, Cane Glencross, Robert Crosby. Proved by David Atchison. Second grant 27 October 1729 to other executor James Pain.

Brooke, 256.

David Atchison in Wintershough. Will 12 March 1731 (1730/1); proved 31 March 1731. To only daughter and child Mary Atchison, or if she die before majority or marriage, one half to nearest relatives on her mother's side, and one half to ditto on side of me her father, of all Goods, Geare, Horse, Nolt, Sheep, Corns, Cattle, Insight, Household plenishing, Utensills and Domicils, Habiliments, bodily Cloaths, Debts, Money &c. including £500 conditioned for £270 in bond after the English form by deceased George Atchison, Merchant of Charles Town in South Carolina, and David Atchison, Merchant in Dumfries, and £50 legacie bequeathed by said George Atchison in his last will dated---. Executrix: Daughter Mary Atchison. To my sisters, Janet Atchison, spouse to William Grahame in Skipmore, and Grisell Atchison, spouse to John Craighton in Bengall, £10 each. As daughter Mary Atchison is under years of pupil-

arity, as tutors and curators : John Carlile of Limekilns, William Carlile apothecary in Carlile, William Carruthers of Hardrigs, John and Christopher Carruthers his brothers, and the said William Grahame and John Creighton. Witnesses : Walter Cook, Francis Camithers (? Carruthers). Proved by William Carruthers and William Graham.

Bedford, 62.

John Morton of London, merchant. Will 27 August 1694; proved 28 April 1699. Wife Ann £20. Daughter Ann £100. Friend Robert Cuthbert of London, goldsmith, £10. Sister Deborah Blake a negro man called Dick and a negro girl called Dinah. Aunt Rebecca Bowell one negro man called Lewis and one negro girl called Flora, also my plantation in Carolina for life, then to brother Joseff Morton. The rest of negroes and cattle to brother Joseph Morton. Friend Robert Cuthbert of London, Jr. goldsmith, trustee and guardian of daughter Ann and executor of will.

Pett, 61.

Joseph Morton of Carolina, Landgrave. Will 14 April 1685; proved 20 November 1688. Son Joseph. Daughter Deborah Blake. Son John lands in Berrow in Somerset. Sister Rebecca Bowell. Edward Bowell a brother in law. Elinor—wife. Recorded in Carolina 25 May 1688. 19 March 1705 administration granted to Anne Wills als Morton wife of Thomas Wills, relict and administrator with will annexed of John Morton, son, &c.

Exton, 153.

Robert Payne, bachelor, of H. M. Ship Oldborough, now in parish of Christ Church, Berkeley county, South Carolina. Will 30 July 1733; proved 24 July 1734. All to John Murrell.

Ockham, 165.

John Payne, last lieutenant of H. M. Ship Chichester, now resident at Winterborne, Gloucester, gent. Will 13 May 1750; proved 4 July 1750. Sisters Alice and Isabella Payne. Aunt Anne Chambers and her son William Cham-

bers and Charles son of said William. My brothers William, Lawrence, and Richard Payne. Mary Trimble. Brother in law Walter Rainstorp. Sisters in law Anne Heyleyn, and Sarah and Mary and Elizabeth Rainstorp. Wife Martha lands in Carolina, England and Ireland. William Payne King of Fryan House in Coney Hatch. John Heylyn of Bristol, merchant.

Greenly, 240.

Arthur Middleton of Berkley county. Will 7 June 1734; proved 5 August 1740. To wife Sarah Middleton all that my real estate in Great Britain for her life, and after to my son William Middleton and the heirs male of his body, and for want of such to son Henry Middleton and his heirs male, son Thomas Middleton and his heirs male, the heirs female of my son William Middleton, their heirs, &c., forever. To son William Middleton one half of my lott of land in Charles Town known by the number of 199. To son Henry Middleton the other half. To wife Sarah Middleton my brick tenement and part of a lott in Charles Town bought of Mr. Andrew Allen to her forever. To son Henry Middleton all that tract of land I now live upon which I bought of the late Mr. Benjamin Gibbs, as also 100 acres of land purchased of the late lords proprietors at a pepper corn acknowledgement, as also 131 acres of land on the west side of Goose Creek, bought of Ralph Izard, Esq., &c., all to son Henry and his heirs forever, and one other tract of 500 acres bought of Mr. Thomas Clifford, &c., &c. To son Thomas Middleton that tract of land, 752 acres, bought of Mrs. Margaret Schencklingh, and also 56 acres bought of Benjamin Schencklingh deceased. To son William Middleton one third part of a large tract of land granted to me from His Majesty, 1568 acres and one third of an acre to be divided to him from Coll. Arthur Hall's Lane, and so along the line of 3000 acres belonging to Mr. Paul Jenys, &c., &c. To wife Sarah Middleton use of all household goods for her life, then to sons Thomas and Henry Middleton. To wife Sarah one

third part of all my personal estate whether in Great Britain, Barbadoes, and Carolina. Executrix : Wife Sarah Middleton, and, in case of her death before sons Henry and Thomas be 21, then son William to be executor. My cousin Henry Herwood, of county Suffolk, Esq., to be executer for my estate in Great Britain till son Henry and Thomas be 21. Witnesses : Timothy Millechamp, Jane Millechamp, Thomas Corbett. Administration granted to William Middleton, Esq., attorney of Sarah Middleton, widow, the surviving executor named in the will of Arthur Middleton, late of the parish of St. James, Goose Creeke, in South Carolina, Esq., deceased, Henry Herwood Esq., the other executor being dead.

Browne, 230.

Elizabeth Leger, widow of James Le Serurier and his executrix, living in the parish of St. Anns in the liberty of Westminster, county Middlesex. Will 26 September 1721; proved 1 July 1725. To the charity house settled in Soho for the poor French refugees, £10. To Hester Valle, my servant, £10. To my granddaughter Susanne de Gignilliat, daughter of John Francis de Gignilliat, £100, &c. I will that she divide among her brothers and sisters in the portion that comes to each of them upon their deceased mother's account. All the residue of my goods as well in England as in Carolina, and what shall come from France, to be divided in four parts, viz : one portion to the children of my late daughter Susanne, wife of the late John Francis de Gignilliat her first husband, and to a daughter of her second husband John Gaillard, my grandchildren; one fourth of my estate shall be divided between them and that part that shall come to my grand daughter Elizabeth Mary de Gignilliat I will be given to the children of her first husband, who are Peter, Rodolphus, and Henry May, at 21. To my grand daughter, their mother, one guinea. As to my grand son Henry de Gignilliat, that my late husband and I have brought up, I intend that nothing be demanded of him, and he to have his

portion. The second part of my estate shall belong in propriety to my daughter Catherine, widow of the late Henry Le Noble. The third part to my daughter Damaris Elizabeth, widow of the late Peter de St. Julien. The fourth part my daughter Marianne, wife of Isaac Mazick, shall enjoy during her life, and the same be substituted to her children. Executors : Mr. James Augustin Blondel, my grandson, Peter de St. Julien, and my grand daughter Susanne de Gignilliat. Witnesses : Paul de St. Julien, James de Voillac. Codicil 8 June 1725. £100 due to her of Mr. Peter Gignilliat her grandson be paid to Mrs. Susanne Gignilliat her grand daughter. Witnesses : Marianna Blondel, Judith De la Mejanelle, A Hugonin. Proved by Susanne de Gignilliat, with power reserved, &c. [Translated from the French.]

Romney, 157.

Thomas Ayres, late of Carolina, bachelor, deceased. Administration 18 June 1691 to his brother John Ayres.

Admon Act Book 1691, folio 91.

George Fullerton, of Charles Towne in the province of South Carolina, merchant. Will 8 October 1708; proved 8 September 1709. To William Rhett, junior, son of William Rhett of Charles Towne, merchant, for ever, £200. To Sarah Rhett, daughter of the said William Rhett, £200. To Catherine Rhett, daughter of the said William Rhett, £200. To William Rhett, senior, and to Sarah his wife, £200, also £100 of money in England now in the hands of Mr. Robert South of London, merchant. To the said Sarah Rhett, wife of the said William Rhett my negro boy called Snowhill. To the poor of St. Phillips, Charles Towne, £20. To the rector of St. Phillips parish, Charles Towne, £10. Residuary legatee, my brother Mr. William Fullerton, living in the Shire of Ayre, in the west of Scotland. Executors : William Rhett of Charles Towne, merchant, and Sarah his wife. Witnesses : Bentley Cooke, Mary Pearce, Sarah Cooke. Proved by William Rhett.

Lane, 211.

THE BUTLERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

By THEODORE D. JERVEY.

The Butler family of which this genealogical sketch treats while not a colonial family of this state of many years standing, yet with the record of its members has marked the history of the state at every epoch of its statehood. The family is supposed to have come from Ireland and its members to have been related to Pierce Butler, one of the first two senators from South Carolina to the Congress of the United States; but recent investigations seem to establish the fact that the progenitor of this family had been in Virginia for quite a period prior to the arrival in South Carolina of Pierce Butler, as an officer of King George's army. The first of these Butlers of whom there is record is William Butler, who lived and died in Prince William County, Virginia, arriving there from Ireland at the latest about 1737. He there married a Miss Mason by whom he had issue :

1. James Butler, *b.* about 1738; *d.* Nov. 7, 1781.
2. Sarah Butler.
3. Susan Butler.

James Butler, the founder of the family in South Carolina, came from Virginia with his wife, children and two sisters a few years before the Revolutionary War, but at what exact date is not known.¹ He seems to have been a man of experience and to have been accorded a position of leadership

¹ There is mention made of a trader Butler who had long been with the Indians, returning with them to Ninety Six after visiting Governor Glen in 1753. (Chapman's *History of Edgefield*, p. 8.)

Ogeechee Old Town was the residence of one of the most influential chiefs beyond the Savannah who traded at Ninety Six. (Ibid, p. 177.)

In 1763 James Butler, Jr., of St. Philip's Parish, on great Ogeechee, makes a transfer of land in So. Ca. (Book A 3, p. 468, M. C. R., Charleston Co.)

among his neighbors. He joined the "Snow Camp" expedition under Colonel Richardson and led a company under Colonel Williamson against the Cherokees. In 1779 he served under General Lincoln and upon refusing to swear allegiance to the British on the fall of Charles Town was arrested and imprisoned; first at Ninety Six and later aboard ship in Charles Town harbor. Soon after his release, with his young son James, he was killed at Cloud's Creek in an encounter with a band of Tories led by William Cunningham. By his marriage with Mary Simpson James Butler had issue :

1. William Butler, *b.* Dec. 17, 1759; *d.* Sept. 1821.
2. James Butler, *b.* Mch. 2, 1761; *d.* Nov. 7, 1781.
3. Thomas Butler, *b.* Nov. 4, 1763.
4. Nancy Butler, *b.* Sept. 27, 1765.
5. Elizabeth Butler, *b.* Dec. 17, 1766.
6. Stanmore Butler, *b.* Dec. 17, 176—.
7. Sampson Butler, *b.* Febr. 6, 1769.
8. Mason Butler, *b.*

William Butler, the eldest son of James Butler, was born in Prince William County, Virginia, Dec. 17, 1759, and was but thirteen years of age when, with his father's family, he came to South Carolina. Before his majority he served under General Lincoln at the battle of Stono as a lieutenant and afterwards under Count Pulaski. He also served under General Pickens at Augusta and Ninety Six and under Watson and Ryan at Dean Swamp and Orangeburgh. He was made a captain of Mounted Rangers in February, 1781, within two months after coming of age, and in a year had become a man of recognized reputation and influence.¹ He surprised and

¹ High Hills Santee, Nov. 24, 1781.

Dear Sir

Some time since I heard of your intention of entering the service but more particularly from Mr Carnes who promised to do me the favor to speak to you on the occasion From the throng of business and the want of opportunity I have never had it in my power to write to you until the present period. You have no doubt been informed of the

dispersed in 1782 the invading band of Tories which, under the famous William Cunningham, had penetrated the Up-Country and in the hot pursuit which ensued that notorious partisan leader owed his life to the fleetness of his horse. In 1788 William Butler was chosen as a member of the convention of the state of South Carolina called to consider the adoption of the Federal Constitution, against which he voted. He also was a member of the convention of 1790 which framed the constitution of the State. He was elected by the Legislature Sheriff of the District of Ninety Six in 1791, and in that capacity received General Washington. In 1796 he was elected a major-general of militia.¹ In 1800 he was elected as a member of Congress and served until 1810 when he retired in favor of John C. Calhoun. In 1812 he was offered the position of brigadier-general in the United States service² which he declined. In 1814 he was given command³ of all State forces in South Carolina.⁴ By his marriage on June 3, 1784, with Behethland Foote Moore he had issue :

1. James Butler, *b.* Mch. 25, 1785; *d.* 1817.
2. George Butler, *b.* Sept. 25, 1786; *d.* Sept. 19, 1826.

nature of the service with the particular establishment of my Regiment, therefore need say nothing on that head. I shall only say I have reserved for you an appointment as Captain which is all that is in my power; however by your filling the first company (which from your known influence I think you'll do) you will be entitled to first rank and in that case it will not be long before you will be entitled to a majority. It is therefore necessary that you lose no time in having your company filled. By the first conveyance I shall send further directions and advices from dear Sir

Your obedient humble servant
H Hampton

To Capt William Butler. (Gibbes's *Documentary History*, p. 217.)

¹ On the recommendation of General Pickens. (Sketch of life of Gen. Wm. Butler, by Senator A. P. Butler, p. 13.)

² Offered by President Madison. (Ibid, p. 14.)

³ Order of Governor Allston on file in Washington. (Ibid, p. 14.)

⁴ General Jackson, with whom he was intimate in early life, then at New Orleans, sent him word that while both were militia generals which ever was attacked would do his duty. (Ibid, p. 14.)

3. William Butler, *b.* Febry. 1, 1790; *d.* Sept. 24, 1850.
4. Frank M. Butler, *b.* Sept. 25, 1793; *d.* Aug. 9, 1827.
5. Andrew P. Butler, *b.* Nov. 18, 1796; *d.* May 25, 1857.
6. Pierce M. Butler, *b.* April 11, 1798; *d.* Aug. 20, 1847.
7. Emmala Butler, *b.* Aug. 24, 1800; *d.* May 24, 1848.
8. Leontine Butler, *b.* April 8, 1802; *d.* Sept. 8, 1827.

James Butler, the eldest son of General William Butler, was born March 25, 1785. He held the position of Sheriff of his district and was a colonel in the State militia. He married twice. By his first wife, a Miss Mays, he had no children. By his second wife, Eliza Kennerly, he had issue :

1. William Pulaski Butler, *b.* 1816; *d.* 1893.
2. Thomas P. Butler, *b.* 1818; *d.* 1863.

William Pulaski Butler was born in 1816, and married Laura Nance, of Newberry, by whom he had issue :

1. Talulah Behethland Butler, *b.* *d.*
2. Anna Leontine Butler, *b.* *d.*
3. Benjamin Waldo Butler, *b.* *d.*
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Talulah Behethland Butler married Erasmus Mims, by whom she had issue.

Anna Leontine Butler married Dr. Walter Nicholson, of Edgefield County, by whom she had issue.

Benjamin Waldo Butler was born .
He married . Lives in Virginia.

Thomas Pickens Butler was born in 1818. He married Sarah Stone by whom he had issue :

1. Thomas Pickens Butler, *b.* *d.*
2. Sallie M. Butler, *b.* *d.*

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| 3. Hettie L. Butler, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| 4. Emma Butler, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| 5. Henri Butler, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |

Thomas Pickens Butler was born
He was killed during the Confederate war.

Sallie M. Butler married ————— Mallard, by whom
she had issue :

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| 1. John Mallard, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| 2. Thomas Mallard, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| 3. Eva Mallard, <i>b.</i> | <i>d.</i> |

Hettie L. Butler married Julius Lucas by whom she had
issue.

Emma Butler married Edmund Bacon by whom she had
issue.

Henri Butler was born
He married Lucy Lucas by whom he had issue.

George Butler, the second son of General William Butler,
was born September 25, 1786. He was a major in the
United States Army during the war of 1812. He resigned
his commission in 1815 and was admitted to the bar in South
Carolina. He died childless, at his residence on Saluda
River, September 19, 1826.

William Butler, the third son of General William Butler,
was born February 1, 1790. He graduated at the South
Carolina College, and served as a surgeon in the United States
Navy, being present in that capacity at the battle of New
Orleans. Later he resigned from the navy and practiced
medicine in the State, moving to Greenville in 1825. In
1849 he was appointed Agent to the Cherokees and moved
to Arkansas, where he died September 21, 1850. By his

marriage, December 22, 1819, with Jane Tweedy Perry, a sister of Commodore Perry, he had issue :

1. *b.* *d.*
2. *b.* *d.*
3. George Butler, *b.* Oct. 24, 1823; *d.* about 1875.
4. A daughter, *b.* *d.*
5. Behethiland F. Butler, *b.* May 2, 1827; *d.*
6. Christopher R. P. Butler, *b.* Aug. 26, 1829; *d.* Nov. 1, 1853.
7. William Butler, *b.* April 15, 1831; *d.*
8. James L. Butler, *b.* Sept. 28, 1832; *d.* Febry. 20, 1866.
9. Pickens P. Butler, *b.* Meh. 24, 1834; *d.*
10. Matthew C. Butler, *b.* March 8, 1836.
11. Sally W. Butler, *b.* 1837.
12. Emmala F. Butler, *b.* Dec. 11, 1838.
13. Thomas O. L. Butler, *b.* April 29, 1841; *d.* July 2, 1863.
14. Elise W. L. Butler, *b.* July 28, 1842.
15. Oliver N. Butler, *b.* Sept. 4, 1844.

George Butler was born Oct. 24, 1823. He settled in Missouri at an early date, and there married Nanny Thurston. On the death of his father in 1850 he succeeded him by appointment as agent of the Cherokees, which appointment he held until the outbreak of the Confederate war, in which he served as a captain under General Sterling Price. After his wife's death he came back to South Carolina, and married Fannie Townes, of Greenville, by whom he had one daughter:

1. Jane Tweedy Butler, *b.* *d.* about 1876.

Upon the death of his second wife he again married and settled on Savannah River, near Augusta, where he was killed in a collision with a neighbor. By his third wife he had issue :

1. Mary Hughes Butler, *b.* *d.* 1895.

Behethland Foote Butler was born May 2, 1827. In 1849 she went with her parents to the West and there met Charles William Woodward of Philadelphia, whom she married.

Christopher Raymond Perry Butler was born August 26, 1829. He was a first lieutenant in the 2d U. S. Artillery, and died of yellow fever at Tampa, Florida, Nov. 1, 1853.

William Butler was born April 15, 1831. He held the commission of a lieutenant in the United States Army but at the outbreak of hostilities resigned and entered the Confederate service, where he became colonel of the 1st Regiment of regulars and subsequently brigadier-general. On June 22, 1861, he married Eugenia Ransom, of North Carolina, by whom he had issue :

1. May Butler, *b.*
2. Lill Butler, *b.*
3. William Butler, *b.*
4. Raymond Butler, *b.*

James Leontine Butler was born Sept. 28, 1832. He raised a company mostly of Cherokees at the outbreak of hostilities in 1861, and served as a captain under General Sterling Price in the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederate States for the greater portion of the war, but towards the close acted as a scout in the Carolinas and Virginia. He died at Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, February 20, 1866. On December 29, 1851, he married Fannie Taylor, of the Cherokee Nation, by whom he had issue :

1. Eloise Butler, *b.*
2. George Butler, *b.*

Eloise Butler married Chief Bushy Head, of the Cherokee Nation.

George Butler resides in the Indian Territory.

Pickens Pierce Butler was born March 24, 1834. He is a physician of Union County, S. C. He married Arsinoe Marcella Jeter, on October 18, 1860, by whom he had issue :

1. Perry Butler, *b.* about 1862; *d.* 1894.
2. Elise Butler, *b.*
3. Thomas Bothwell Butler, *b.*
4. William Butler, *b.*
5. Leon Butler, *b.*
6. Jeter Butler, *b.*

Elise Butler married ——— Foster, and lives in Pickens County.

Thomas Bothwell Butler is State Senator from Cherokee County.

William Butler is farming in Union County.

Leon Butler is farming in Union County.

Jeter Butler is at Asheville, N. C.

Matthew Calbraith Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, near Greenville, March 8, 1836. He became a prominent member of the bar of Edgefield and went into the Confederate war as captain of the Edgefield Hussars in the Hampton Legion. His horse was killed under him, and he lost a leg at the battle of Brandy Station. He rose to the rank of major-general in the Confederate army. In 1877 he was elected U. S. Senator from South Carolina, which position he held until 1895. On February 25, 1858, he married Maria Simkins Pickens, a daughter of Governor Francis W. Pickens, by whom he had issue :

1. Francis W. P. Butler.
2. Marie Butler.
3. William Butler.
4. Elise Butler.
5. Matthew Calbraith Butler.

Sally Wallace Butler was born 1837.
She married ——— Rutherford, by whom she had issue :

1. Jane George Rutherford.
2. Samuel M. Rutherford.
3. William B. Rutherford.
4. Eloise M. Rutherford.
5. Robert B. Rutherford.
6. Emma Elise Rutherford.
7. Raymond P. Rutherford.
8. Ethland B. Rutherford.

Emmala Frances Butler was born Dec. 11, 1838, and intermarried, at Eagle's Crag, July 1, 1856, with Andrew J. Stone, by whom she had issue :

1. Jesse Stone.
2. Thomas P. Stone.
3. Andrew T. Stone.

Thomas O. Lowndes Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, near Greenville, April 29, 1841, and was killed at Gettysburg July 2, 1863.

Elise Wragg Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, near Greenville, July 28, 1842. She married Charles A. Carson June 8, 1870, by whom she had issue :

1. Elise Carson.
2. Butler Carson.
3. Charles A. Carson.
4. Thomas Carson.
5. Nathaniel Carson.

Oliver Nathaniel Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, near Greenville, Sept. 4, 1844. Entered the Confederate service and served through the war to the surrender, losing an arm just before Appomattox. He married Mary Spence, of Baltimore, Maryland. He died ———.

Issue :

1. Jennie Butler.
2. Mary Butler.
3. William W. Butler, *b.* *d.* before his father.

Frank Moore Butler was born Sept. 25, 1793. He was a colonel in the militia of the state and a member of the South Carolina bar. Twice married. By his second wife, Louise Ford, he had issue :

1. George Lucien Butler, *b.* Oct. 6, 1817; *d.* July 4, 1880.
2. Frank Moore Butler, *b.* July 23, 1821; *d.* Aug. 8, 1827.
3. Harriet Ford Butler, *b.* Febry. 23, 1823.
4. James Joseph Butler, *b.* May 2, 1826; *d.* April, 1854.

George Lucien Butler was born Oct. 6, 1817, and died July 4, 1880.

Frank Moore Butler was born July 23, 1821, and died August 8, 1827.

Harriet Ford Butler was born February 23, 1823. She intermarried with William Pinckney McBee June 16, 1846, by whom she had issue :

1. Frank Butler McBee, *b.* July 5, 1847.
2. Vardry Echols McBee, *b.* July 27, 1849
3. Malinda P. McBee, *b.* Jany. 7, 1854.
4. Emmala L. McBee, *b.* Jany. 2, 1856.

James Joseph Butler was born May 2, 1826. He married Sarah R. Gillison, December, 1849. He died April, 1854. By this marriage he had issue :

- 1.
- 2.
3. Louisa Ford Butler, *b.* June 30, 1852.

Louisa Ford Butler was born June 30, 1852. She married with Dr. Waddy Thompson June 30, 1880, by whom she had issue :

1. Loula McBee Thompson, *b.* Nov. 5, 1881.

Andrew Pickens Butler was born Nov. 18, 1796. He graduated at the South Carolina College in 1817; was admitted to the bar in 1819; was elected to the Legislature and from the State Senate was raised to the Bench in 1833. In 1846 he was elected a member of the United States Senate. Reëlected without opposition, and a member at the time of his death in 1857. Senator Butler was twice married. His first wife, Susan Ann Simkins, died childless. By his second wife, Harriet Hayne, he had issue :

1. Eloise Brevard Butler, *b.* June 10, 1834.

Eloise Brevard Butler was born June 10, 1834. On Nov. 21, 1856, she married Johnson Hagood, by whom she had issue :

1. Harriet Behethland Hagood.
2. Pickens Butler Hagood was born 1857.

Pierce Mason Butler was born April 11, 1798. He was an officer in the United States Army, but resigned to return to South Carolina. He was governor, 1836-1838, and, later, Agent to the Cherokees, which position he held when elected to command the Palmetto Regiment in the Mexican War. He was killed at the battle of Churubusco, leaning upon his sword while still leading his regiment after having had his leg shattered, August 20, 1847. He married Miranda Julia Duval, of Maryland, by whom he had issue :

1. Behethland Butler, *b.* 1829; *d.* 1852.
2. Emmala E. Butler, *b.* 1831.
3. William L. Butler, *b.* *d.* Sept. 20, 1863.
4. Pierce Mason Butler.
5. Andrew Pickens Butler.
6. Edward Julian Butler

Behethland Butler was born about 1829. On the 30th. of March, 1852, she married John Edmund Bacon, and died shortly after.

Emmala Elizabeth Butler was born 1831, and, Nov. 25, 1851, *m.* Abner Perrin, of Abbeville. She died in 1862. By her marriage she had issue :

1. Pierce Perrin.
2. Robert Perrin.

William Lowden Butler was born .
He was major of the 19th. Louisiana Volunteers, and killed at Chicamauga, Sept. 20, 1863, while in command, leading the regiment into action.

Pierce Mason Butler was born .
He died in Louisiana. He served in the Edgefield Hussars, Hampton Legion. He was twice married. By his first wife, Kate Goode, he had issue :

1. Pawnee Butler.
2. Pierce Butler.
3. Julian Butler.
4. Goode Butler.

Pierce Butler is a physician, residing in Atlanta.

Julian Butler is a physician, residing in Terrehaute, Indiana.

Julian Butler is a pharmacist, at Brooklyn, New York.

Andrew Pickens Butler was born .
He was a captain in the brigade of cavalry, Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by Gen. M.C. Butler, and was captured Oct. 11, 1864, in a skirmish on the R. R. south of Petersburg and taken to Washington and confined in the "Old Capitol" prison. From there he was sent to Fort Delaware, where he remained a prisoner to the close of the war. He

married Maria Burt, and moved to Benton, Louisiana. By this marriage he had issue :

1. Julia Butler.
2. Nina Butler.
3. Maria Butler.
4. Burt Butler.
5. Pickens Butler.

Julia Butler married ——— Creswell, by whom she had issue.

Edward Julian Butler was born
He was killed at the battle of Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862.

Emmala Elizabeth Butler was born August 24, 1800, and died May 24, 1848, at Stoneland's, near Edgefield. In 1819 she married Waddy Thompson, Jr., who served in the State Legislature and in Congress, and was minister to Mexico. By the marriage there was issue :

1. William Butler Thompson, *b.* Aug. 16, 1821.
2. Eliza Williams Thompson, *b.* June 18, 1823.

Leontine Butler was born April 8, 1802. He died September 8, 1827.

James Butler was born March 2, 1761. He was killed with his father at Cloud's Creek, Nov. 7, 1781, before he had reached his twenty-first year.

Thomas Butler was born Nov. 4, 1763. He served under his brother William during the Revolutionary war, and by his marriage with Miss Grigsby left issue :

1. William Butler, *d.* in Florida.
2. Sampson H. Butler.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Sampson H. Butler was born

He represented his Congressional district in Congress 1837-1842. By his first marriage, with Miss Quarles, he had issue :

1. Elizabeth Butler.

By his second marriage, with Miss Bryan, there was issue :

1. William Butler, *b.* *d.* 1895.
2. Nicholas Butler.
3. Washington Butler.
4. Leontine Butler.

By his marriage with Mrs. Allston, of Florida, he had issue :

1. Sampson Butler. Lives in Florida.

Elizabeth Butler was born

. In 1841

she married with Andrew J. Hammond, of Augusta, and her eldest child bore the name of the colonel Hammond in whose regiment her grand uncle served during the Revolutionary War.¹ The issue of this marriage was :

1. Leroy Hammond, *b.* *d.* 1882
2. Edgar Hammond.
3. Charles Hammond.

Nancy Butler was born Sept. 27, 1765. She married Elisha Brooks, by whom she had issue :

1. Wesley Brooks.
2. Matilda R. Brooks.
3. Lavinia Brooks.

¹ Leroy Hammond to Capt. W. Butler:

Snow Hill Mar. 20 1782

Sir

A general muster of the regiment is ordered on Tuesday next at Charles Williams old place on Turkey creek where you are to attend with your company properly armed by ten oclock in the fore noon You will please let your men know that those who disobey this order will be fined to the utmost extent of the law

I am sir your humble servant
Leroy Hammond

4. Edna Brooks.
5. Elizabeth Brooks.
6. Mary Brooks.
7. Stanmore Brooks.
8. Butler Brooks.

Elizabeth Butler was born Dec. 17, 1766. She married Zachariah Smith Brooks, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, by whom she had issue :

1. Whitefield Brooks.
2. Lucinda Brooks.
3. Behethland Brooks.
4. Nancy Brooks.

Stanmore Butler was born . He was a captain U. S. army and, later, Clerk of Court of Edgefield District. He married Ann Patience Youngblood, by whom he had issue :

1. William Butler.
2. Ann Patience Butler.
3. Emmie Butler.

William Butler was born . He married Claudia Johnson, by whom he had issue :

1. William Butler.
2. Anna Butler.
3. Emmie Butler.

Anna Butler was born . She married John Nicholson, and died

Emma Butler was born . She married William C. Moragne, of Abbeville, in 185—, and by him had issue, one son, residing in Florida.

Ann Patience Butler was born . She married Nathan Lipscomb Griffin, of Edgefield, in May, 1825, by whom she had issue :

1. Stanmore Griffin.
2. Lipscomb Griffin.
3. William Griffin.
4. Mary Hill Griffin.
5. Ann Patience¹ Griffin.
6. Elizabeth Griffin.
7. Rebecca Griffin.

Sampson Butler was born February 18, 1769. He married, but left no children.

Sarah Butler² was born in Virginia and came to South Carolina with her brother about 1772. She married Jacob Smith, by whom she had issue :

1. Luke Smith.
2. Sophia Smith.³

Susan Butler was born in Virginia. She came to South Carolina with her brother about 1772, and married Enoch Grigsby.

¹ The wife of Governor Milledge L. Bonham.

² She buried her brother and nephew after the fight with Cunningham. (*South Carolina in the Revolution*, by McCrady, p. 472.)

³ Sophia Smith married Capt. James Bonham, of Maryland, the father of Milledge, who succeeded Governor Pickens as governor of South Carolina, 1862-1864. (Chapman's *History of Edgefield*.)

HISTORICAL NOTES.

RHETT.—The following additions and corrections are offered by Col. R. B. Rhett, of Huntsville, Ala., to the Rhett genealogy published in the January and April issues of this magazine :

Robert Barnwell Rhett (244) was born Feb. 5, 1828 ; was Ed. and Prop. of *The Charleston Mercury* from Meh. 1, 1857 to Feb. 17, 1865, and from Oct. 1866 to Oct. 1868 ; Ed. *The Picayune* (New Orleans) from Sept. 19, 1872 to Oct. 22, 1873 ; Ed. *Charleston Journal of Commerce* (Straightout Democratic organ, without Associated Press despatches) from July 3, 1876 to June 1878 ; was a member of the House of Reps. of S. C., 1860-1865 and 1877-1878 ; Lieut.-Col. on the staff of Gov. Means in 1851, and on the staff of Brig.-Gen. R. S. Ripley, C. S. A., in S. Carolina. Married, Oct. 9, 1851, Josephine Horton, who was *b.* March 5, 1830 and *d.* June 26, 1860. (Issue.) Married next, July 9, 1867, Mrs. Harriet (Moore) Barnard, wid. of Jno. D. Barnard and dau. of David Moore and Martha L. Harrison, of Va., who was *b.* May 1. 1834 and *d.* Sept. 19, 1902. (Iss.)

HUTSON.—The following corrections are offered by Prof. C. W. Hutson, of College Station, Texas, to the Hutson genealogical data given on page 225 of Vol. III. of this magazine :

Francis Marion Hutson (iv), *b.* Oct. 26, 1879 ; *d.* March 7, 1888.

Arthur Cary Hutson (v), *b.* April 14, 1882,

Sophy Palmer Hutson (vi) { twins, *b.* July 24, 1884.

Mary Lockett Hutson (vii) {

Charles Stanyarne Hutson (viii), *b.* May 20, 1887 ; *d.* Jany. 30, 1891.

Albert Lockett Hutson (x), *b.* Dec. 15, 1893.

SMITH.—The following additions are offered to the Smith genealogy published in the July issue of this magazine :

Benjamin Smith (20) was sometime Provincial Grand Mas-

ter of the Free and Accepted Masons of South Carolina, as will be seen by the following notice from *The South Carolina Gazette* of Monday, January 4, 1768:

"The feast of St. JOHN the Evangelist falling this year on Sunday, the ancient and respectable society of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, were obliged to defer the proper celebration of it to this day—when they assembled as usual, at brother *Dillon's* in the morning ; went to *St. Michael's* church where they heard an excellent discourse on *unity, brotherly love, and universal benevolence*, delivered by the Rev. Brother *Samuel Hart* ; returned to brother *Dillon's*, had an elegant entertainment there; unanimously elected the hon. EGERTON LEIGH, Esq ; provincial Grand-Master, in the room of BENJAMIN SMITH, Esq ; who resigned on account of his health and intending to depart this province, and had the unanimous thanks of all the lodges, for his many and eminent services to the craft ; and spent the remainder of the day in that peculiarly social way which has ever distinguished that society."

The reference on page 145 of Vol. III. of this magazine (Henry Laurens's letter of Feb. 21, 1774 to his son) was to Leigh, who was still Grand Master.

Thomas Loughton Smith (23) was born April 23, 1740. St. Philip's Parish register.) The following account of the burning of his Cooper River house shortly after his death was published in *The South-Carolina Gazette; And Country Journal* of Tuesday, December 13, 1774 :

"On Saturday the 3d Inst. the elegant Seat, called the Retreat, near Cooper-River belonging to estate of the late Thomas Loughton Smith, Esq ; was burnt down by Accident ; but happily no Lives were lost, and all the Furniture was saved."

William Loughton Smith (27) had another child by his second wife: "Elizabeth, who married Major Thomas Osborn Lowndes, and died at the age of 90 or thereabouts."

HAYNE.—In the biographical sketch of Judge Robert Y. Hayne, published on page 262 of the July issue of this magazine the statement is made that he was a son of William Alston Hayne and Julia Dean. That is a mistake. His mother was Margaretta Stiles, of Philadelphia. Julia Dean was the wife of his uncle, Arthur P. Hayne.

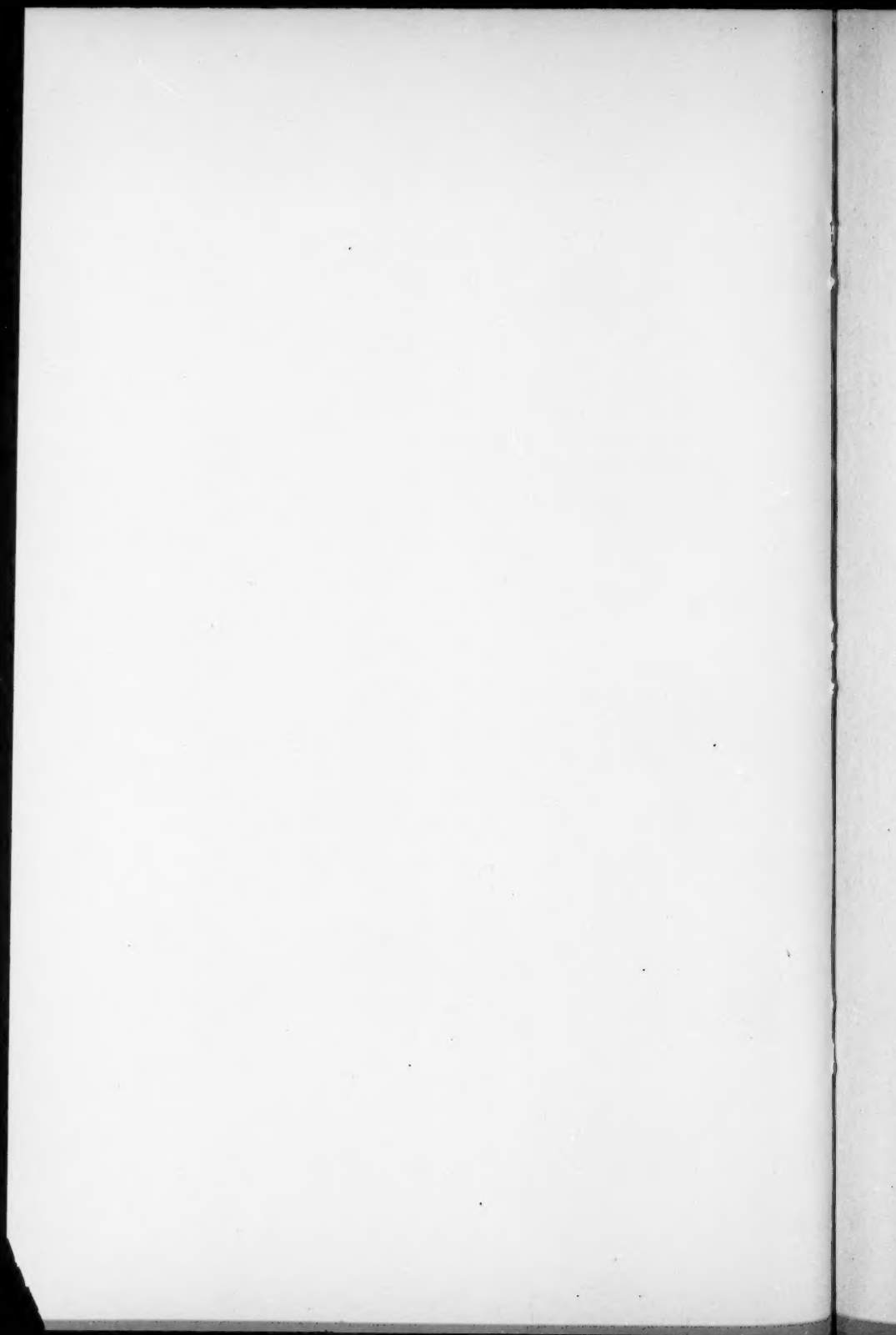
THE GEORGETOWN ACADEMY, 1778.—McMaster, in his *History of the People of the United States*, says, Vol. I., page 27 :

"In the southern States education was almost wholly neglected, but nowhere to such an extent as in South Carolina. In that colony, prior to 1730, no such thing as a grammar-school existed. Between 1731 and 1776 there were five. During the Revolution there were none." In his paper *Education in South Carolina Prior to and During the Revolution*, Gen. Edward McCrady has cited numerous cases to disprove the last sentence in that paragraph, but the following paragraph from *The South Carolina and American General Gazette*, of Thursday, August 6, 1778, will furnish additional evidence in refutation of that statement:

"On Thursday the 23d of last month, the Students of the Georgetown Academy were publickly examined, before a very learned and respectable assembly: The performance of the several classes in the course of the examination, was received with the warmest marks of Approbation."

NECROLOGY.

Richard Lathers, sometime colonel of South Carolina militia, and a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, died at his home, 248 Central Park, West, New York City, on Thursday, September 17, 1903, and was buried at New Rochelle, N. Y., on the 19th. He was born in Ireland on Christmas Day, 1821, and was brought to America six months later by his parents, who settled at Georgetown, S. C. He attended school at Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., and subsequently was employed by Fraser, Trenholm & Co., cotton factors, of Charleston, who sent him to New York as their agent in 1843. In 1850 he went out of the mercantile business and founded the Great Western Insurance Company, with which he continued for nineteen years. He subsequently became prominent in railway affairs. In 1860 he made a tour of a part of the South in a futile effort to stem the tide of secession, making addresses in Richmond, Charleston, Augusta, Savannah and Montgomery, and was speaking at Mobile when the news of the attack on Fort Sumter arrived and put an immediate end to his speech. He went abroad and made speeches in behalf of the United States, but at the close of the war used his best efforts to bring about good feelings between the sections and to secure justice for the people of South Carolina in their struggle against that frightful demon of destruction—Reconstruction. Col. Lathers was a member of several social and patriotic societies in this State and in New York City.



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